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Police Warn of False Fundraising Calls

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Duxbury's police and fire departments are warning residents about a possible phone scam.

Over the weekend, the police and fire departments received calls from residents about telemarketers who stated they are calling on behalf of the Duxbury Fire Department, according to Police Lt. Lewis Chubb.

The Fire Department and several citizens contacted police Monday morning about the calls, said Chubb.

"The Fire Department does not have any active fundraising going on and doesn't know who [the callers] are," he said.

Fire Chief Kevin Nord said the Duxbury Fire Department and the Duxbury Perma-

nent Firefighter Association do occasionally contract with third party companies to make fundraising calls — but this isn't one of those times. Nord said the drives are done once a year and one just concluded around six months ago.

The Police Department sent out a pre-recorded phone call Monday morning to alert residents to the possible scam. Chubb said the department is looking into whether the calls are tied to a legitimate charity, but he said at the very least the callers are making it sound like they are affiliated with the Duxbury Fire Department when, in fact, they are not.

"There is language reported by a number of people that appears to be untrue," he said.

Chubb said that anyone

who received a phone call from fundraisers they think may be fraudulent should ask as many questions as possible, especially about where the money is headed.

If anyone still has questions, they can contact the front desk at the Duxbury Police Department at 781-934-5656.

Nord said he has heard about these phone calls in other towns but that it hasn't happened in Duxbury during his three years as fire chief.

"It's sad because they're using our name," he said.